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LaTonya – just found this one – will be in the digest.

Rolla (Mo.) Daily News - Congressman Jason Smith Capitol Report: The Clean Power Catastrophe - 8/7/15 - The Obama Administration continues to hammer rural America with unnecessary, expensive regulations and rules. The Clean Power Plan has serious implications for Missouri, which gets 83 percent of its energy from coal power. <http://www.therolladailynews.com/article/20150807/NEWS/150809312>

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: Corps of Engineers should FUSRAP-up West Lake's toxic waste - 8/9/15 - The best solution for cleaning up radioactive waste buried at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton is to give control of the site to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/editorial-corps-of-engineers-should-fusrap-up-west-lake-s/article_b3925bc1-db35-5ff1-a5d7-463b6da63f9b.html

Omaha World-Herald - Editorial: Water rules may be legally wobbly - 8/10/15 - Lawsuits have begun to pile up against the "Waters of the U.S." rules that federal regulators are set to begin enforcing before the month is out. http://www.omaha.com/opinion/world-herald-editorial-water-rules-may-be-legally-wobbly/article_f4fcc8f1-6120-52e8-8971-3aec1c32dc36.html

Quad-City Times - Different topsoil requirements put area builders in quandary - 8/8/15 - Builders and developers working in the Quad-Cities face different requirements among cities regarding how much topsoil, if any, they must put back onto their sites when they are finished.

http://qctimes.com/news/local/government-and-politics/different-topsoil-requirements-put-builders-in-quandary/article_55e7db29-9378-502c-9565-eb42cf22a8c1.html

Quad-City Times - How did topsoil become an issue - 8/10/15 - Under the federal Clean Water Act, cities of a certain size are required to get permits to discharge water into streams and rivers. But the federal act does not detail what it means by preserving topsoil. It simply says, "unless infeasible, preserve topsoil." http://qctimes.com/how-did-topsoil-become-an-issue/article_e0ee81f6-3f4b-11e5-88f0-43e54fe380d1.html

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - Nebraska Ethanol Producers looking for new leadership - 8/9/15 - The Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers, which serves as the voice for industry in the state, is hunting for a new executive director and pushing aside the man who was instrumental in founding the group.

http://journalstar.com/news/local/nebraska-ethanol-producers-looking-for-new-leadership/article_1e7b9bf5-1971-53d5-98af-e0ec1767c9f3.html

Washington Times - EPA takes heat for toxic wastewater spill that turns Colorado river orange - 8/7/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency is coming under fire in Colorado after accidentally dumping one million gallons of acidic waste into the Las Animas River, turning it bright orange and threatening the community's water supply. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/7/epa-takes-heat-wastewater-spill-colorado-river/>

Associated Press – EPA: Colorado Mine Waste Spill Larger Than First Reported – 8/10/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency says the mine waste spill into Colorado waters is much larger than originally estimated. But an EPA official said Sunday that she doesn't believe wildlife will suffer significant health impacts from the wastewater from an abandoned mine in southwestern Colorado.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/epa-colorado-mine-waste-spill-larger-reported-32985628>

Crux - The 'Francis agenda' is making inroads in the US - 8/7/15 - Since his election, Pope Francis has become one of the world's most influential moral leaders, and despite a drop in a recent opinion poll, he is wildly popular in the United States. <http://www.cruxnow.com/church/2015/08/07/the-francis-agenda-is-making-inroads-in-the-us/>

E&E TV - Greenwire's Snider talks leaked memos, future of legal and congressional action - 8/7/15 - How could leaked memos signaling concerns at the Army Corps of Engineers about the final U.S. EPA-Army Waters of the U.S. rule affect anticipated legal challenges to the regulation? On today's The Cutting Edge, Greenwire reporter Annie Snider discusses her latest reporting on the fallout from the release of the memos. <http://www.eenews.net/tv/videos/2021/transcript>

Midwest Energy News - Iowa utility reverses policy, will net meter third-party solar projects - 8/8/15 - After informing a few institutional customers and at least one solar installer over the past few months that it would not allow them to net meter their third-party funded projects, one of Iowa's major power companies has reversed course. <http://midwestenergynews.com/2015/08/08/iowa-utility-reverses-policy-will-net-meter-third-party-solar-projects/>

E&E News - Former Justice Stevens calls mercury ruling 'mind-boggling' - 8/7/15 - Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, the author of a seminal decision on when courts must defer to agencies, said the high court's decision this year to invalidate U.S. EPA's air standards for mercury and other toxics was "truly mind-boggling." <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023173>

Des Moines Register - Editorial: Biofuel standard turns 10; keep it strong - 8/7/15 - Since its inception, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) has affected local economies, benefitting farmers and producers across the country. In Iowa, the benefits are profound: The RFS generates more than 73,300 jobs for Iowans each year and \$19.3 billion in annual economic output. And throughout the country, over 852,000 Americans are employed as a result of the RFS; a policy creating \$184.5 billion in annual economic output for the country. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2015/08/08/biofuel-standard-turns-keep-strong/31315505/>

Phys.org - Cutting emissions through biofuels will lead to water shortages – study - 8/7/15 - Climate change mitigation could actually increase water shortage in some areas rather than reduce it, according to new research. The source of the problem is clear: greater demand for biofuels, intended to reduce emissions from fossil fuels, requires massive increases in irrigation in productive but relatively arid American farmland. <http://phys.org/news/2015-08-emissions-biofuels-shortages.html>

E&E News - Most Republican candidates steer clear of climate change and what to do about it - 8/7/15 - Republican candidates called the government "stupid" during their first debate, had testy exchanges on civil liberties, and said pimps and prostitutes are collecting public benefits. But they had

nothing to say about the nation's landmark climate plan introduced earlier this week.
<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023151>

Washington Post - Shell Oil will drop its membership in ALEC, citing differences over climate change - 8/9/15 - Shell Oil will not renew its membership in the American Legislative Exchange Council, citing differences with the controversial corporate lobbying group over the issue of climate change.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2015/08/07/shell-oil-will-drop-its-membership-in-alec-citing-differences-over-climate-change/>

Regional Clean Power Plan Clips

Associated Press (Topeka) - Kansas officials riled by EPA's changes to power plant rule - 8/9/15 - Even though many Republicans were critical of the federal government's efforts to cut carbon emissions from power plants, the GOP-dominated Kansas Legislature enacted a law spelling out how the state would comply. <http://www.wral.com/kansas-officials-riled-by-epa-s-changes-to-power-plant-rule/14819844/>

Also Washington Times, Kansas City Star, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal - Kansas politicians, clean energy advocates split on EPA carbon rule - 8/9/15 - From Gov. Brownback to state legislators to environmental advocates, everybody had something to say about the Clean Power Plan announcement. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2015-08-09/kansas-politicians-clean-energy-advocates-split-epa-carbon-rule>

Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal - Kansas wind could help region comply with EPA rule - but at a cost - 8/8/15 - Kansas could make complying with a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions much easier for its neighbors, according to the Southwest Power Pool that operates the grid — but it also could pay more in the process. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2015-08-08/kansas-wind-could-help-region-comply-epa-rule-cost>

Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal - Kansas has strong construction activity for wind farms this year - 8/8/15 - Kansas had the third-highest amount of wind power capacity under construction in the country in the second quarter, with buyers including in-state utilities and an internet search company.
<http://cjonline.com/news/business/2015-08-08/kansas-has-strong-construction-activity-wind-farms-year>

Southeast Missourian - Emissions plan concerns region's lawmakers - 8/10/15 - Because of the amount of power Missouri and the 8th Congressional District derive from coal-fired power plants, even an additional 2 percent limit to emissions is concerning lawmakers who believe a newly announced plan will hurt businesses. <http://www.semissourian.com/story/2220377.html>

High Plains Journal (Hays, Kan.) - New Clean Power Plan aims to tackle climate change, gets mixed reviews - 8/10/15 - The Obama administration is moving forward with a plan to dramatically change the way electricity is produced in this country as part of a "historic effort to address climate change," but critics of the "Clean Power Plan" are already charging that the plan will increase electrical costs and force some coal-fired plants in rural America to shut down. http://www.hpj.com/opinion/new-clean-power-plan-aims-to-tackle-climate-change-gets/article_a9813048-6585-59ec-956c-bb42362c5653.html

KNOP Ch. 2 North Platte, Neb. - New Emission Regulations Could Have Big Impact on Gerald Gentleman - 8/7/15 - On Monday President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency announced the Clean Power Plan. The Gerald Gentleman Plant is just one of the countless facilities wondering what all this means for their day to day operation. <http://www.knopnews2.com/home/headlines/New-Regulations-Could-Have-Big-Impact-on-Gerald-Gent-321090911.html>

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - Editorial: Forget Clean Power end-around - 8/9/15 - The chief argument against the Clean Power Plan regulations is that they are too expensive. The second is that they are unnecessary because there is no need to fight climate change. If the arguments are as powerful as the foes of the Clean Power Plan regulations think they are, they ought to put them to work in Congress. Instead they are trying an end-around. Who do they think they're fooling? http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/editorial/editorial-forget-clean-power-end-around/article_8fc7e1e0-4082-56ed-aad3-67b3d5ac783b.html

Des Moines Register - Letter: Polluters should pay, not shoppers - 8/8/15 - I've been hearing talk of a possible sales tax increase to clean up Iowa's water. Increasing the sales tax is not the solution to Iowa's water crisis. I should not be forced to clean up a mess that I didn't create. Corporate ag and factory farm polluters should be the ones to clean up their own mess. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/readers/2015/08/09/polluters-pay-pollution-donovan/31362567/>

Omaha World Herald - Letter: Nebraska shouldn't fight new EPA rules - 8/9/15 - Nebraska can sit back and watch our neighboring states develop the energy of the future while we spend time and money on fighting the new rules in court. Or we can follow the lead of Lincoln Electric System and expand our investment in clean, renewable energy statewide sooner than later. http://www.omaha.com/opinion/the-public-pulse-aug/article_d3d957d7-8376-59d9-88af-d740df732ec3.html

KWCH Ch. 12 Wichita, Kan. - Kansas officials riled by EPA's changes to power plant rule - 8/9/15 - Many Kansas Republicans are critical of the federal government's efforts to cut carbon emissions from power plants. Yet the GOP-dominated Legislature anticipated earlier this year that the state would attempt to comply and enacted a law spelling out how. <http://www.kwch.com/news/local-news/Kansas->

[officials-riled-by-EPA-s-changes-to-power-plant-rule/34620912](#)

National Clean Power Plan Clips

Dallas Morning News - On climate change, an interview with Science committee chiefs Lamar Smith and EBJ - 8/7/15 - These written interviews with Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, were conducted as part of the reporting for a broader story examining the fight in Congress, and in Texas, over the EPA's aggressive agenda under President Obama.

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2015/08/on-climate-change-an-interview-with-science-committee-chiefs-lamar-smith-and-ebj.html/>

Washington Times - Greens cry wolf despite environmental improvements - 8/9/15 - When the greens with their absolute predictions are wrong, the consequences are bad policies that bankrupt businesses, ruin the jobs of employees and drive up costs for American households.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/9/rick-berman-epas-clean-power-plan-latest-environme/>

Wall Street Journal - Industry, States Set to Fight EPA Greenhouse Gas Rules - 8/9/15 - Industry representatives and a group of state attorneys general are preparing to file lawsuits soon to challenge Obama administration rules requiring significant cuts in power-plant carbon emissions.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/industry-states-set-to-fight-epa-greenhouse-gas-rules-1439164067>

The Hill - Climate fight shifts to courts - 8/9/15 - States, energy companies and business groups are preparing to sue the Obama administration over its new climate rule, viewing it as their bet shot at stopping the regulations while President Obama is still in office. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/250628-obama-climate-fight-shifts-to-courts>

Washington Examiner - EPA rules aim to 'decarbonize' the grid - 8/9/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency is trying to "de-carbonize" the country's energy system by 2030 with a suite of new rules for power plants, hurting the long-term viability of both coal and natural gas plants.

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epa-rules-aim-to-decarbonize-the-grid/article/2569856>

E&E News - Clean Power Plan: A mighty optimistic wind estimate fuels EPA rule - 8/7/15 - A strong, sustained growth of U.S. wind power, a cornerstone of the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, is achievable but faces stiff economic and political headwinds, according to government and private analyses.

e. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/250628-obama-climate-fight-shifts-to-courts>

Heartlander (Heartland Institute blog) - Congressional Republicans Attempt to Delay, Defang Clean Power Plan - 8/10/15 - U.S. Senate and House Republicans are attempting to delay or render moot the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan (CPP), which is expected to be finalized in August.
<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2015/08/10/congressional-republicans-attempt-delay-defang-clean-power-plan>

Breaking Energy (blog) - The Clean Power Plan: A Ticket To The Top - 8/7/15 - With the Environmental Protection Agency's now final, the era of unlimited carbon pollution from America's power plants is finally coming to an end. With the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan now final, the era of unlimited carbon pollution from America's power plants is finally coming to an end.
<http://breakingenergy.com/2015/08/07/the-clean-power-plan-a-ticket-to-the-top/>